

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 9 to more particularly set forth Applicant's invention. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to eliminate the phrase "wherein said method obviates the need to adjust the audio system parameters during testing" in response to the Examiner's objection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Additionally, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to indicate that Applicant's method requires establishing a baseline for the audio system drivers, presetting an audio system output to a predetermined balance position and a predetermined center position, and maintaining the balance and center positions during the broadcasting of the RF signal.

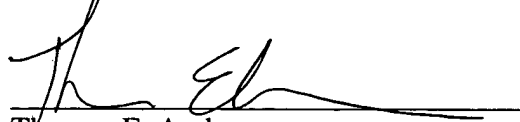
It is respectfully submitted that the prior art, namely Easley et al., does not teach, disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed method. Easley et al. discloses changing the balance and center settings of the system during the testing to favor a desired speaker (column 4, lines 20-30). In a test run to determine the absence or presence of the tone, the settings are sequentially changed to test each subsequent speaker. Thus, Easley et al. does not teach, disclose or suggest setting the balance and center features to a predetermined position and maintaining that position during testing or using the output information to compare it to a predetermined baseline performance. Applicant's system performs its testing in a different manner.

With respect to claim 9, Applicant has also claimed use of spaced apart first and second microphones to receive the signals and calculate a time delay between the reception of the signals to determine whether the front or rear speakers are being sensed. This is different than

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Easley et al. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits Applicant's claims patentably define the invention and respectfully requests allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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